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### **Island Time**



Dear Friends,

Most people know <u>Block Island</u> as a vacation destination. Travelers flock to the island in droves during the summer months to enjoy the sandy beaches, boutique-lined streets, and pristine nature trails. However, for just over 1,000 Rhode Islanders, Block Island is something much more than a seaside retreat – it is their home.

I am fortunate to represent the residents of this beautiful community, and I always enjoy the time I spend there. This past September, <u>I traveled to New Shoreham</u> to meet with my constituents across the island.

My first stop off the ferry was a visit to the Block Island School where Principal Kristine Monje assembled the <u>student council</u>. We had a fascinating discussion covering a range of topics, and I was very impressed with the students' insightful questions. Before leaving the school, I had the pleasure of meeting with <u>Mason Miro</u>, an inspiring 4th grade student who is a Special Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

### Join the Conversation:









### Save The Date

### LANGEVIN CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS EVENT

A presentation with tips for staying safe online October 22 Cranston Public Library 140 Sockanosset Cross Rd Cranston, RI

### Did You Know...?

#### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 through December 7. During this time you can make changes to your Medicare coverage. >>

### **FAST FACT**

A recent STATS FCS Top 25 Poll has the University of Rhode Island football team ranked among the best teams in the country – the first time a national poll has done so since 2005. >>

### In Other News

SUPREME COURT

The remainder of the day included multiple stops around town. I visited the Block Island Power Company to discuss the impact of transitioning service from diesel generators to renewable energy provided by the Block Island Wind Farm. I also took the opportunity to visit the only manufacturer on the island, North Light Fibers, and to stop by the Block Island Medical Center to meet with their staff. Lastly, I had the honor of presenting a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition commemorating the 150th anniversary of Block Island's North Light

Overall, the trip was very productive. Meeting constituents in person through visits to their communities is essential to my work in Congress – even when it takes a ferry ride to get there!

For more information on my visits around the Second District, and for updates on many other topics, please visit <u>my website</u> and follow me on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



## Protecting Air Travelers with Disabilities

Several components of the Air Carrier Access
Amendments Act I introduced with Senator
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) were included in the
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Reauthorization Act that just passed Congress.
These provisions include a bill of rights for
passengers with disabilities, a disabilities advisory
committee, and a review of regulations regarding
the assistance that airline and airport personnel
must provide to passengers with disabilities



# Fighting Suicide in Washington County

Suicide is a complex public health concern, but it is important to realize that there are proven policy solutions, like suicide prevention hotlines, that can help people struggling with suicidal thinking.

Senator Jack Reed, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and I recently announced \$2 million in federal funding for South County Healthy Bodies, Healthy

Rep. Langevin called on the Senate to postpone confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh until the mounting sexual assault allegations against him have been fully investigated. >>

## FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT

Rep. Langevin supported legislation to fund vital national defense, healthcare, and education programs. >>

### CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP

Rep. Langevin and Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson, cochairs of the Congressional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus, penned an op-ed in *The Providence Journal* highlighting the importance of CTE. >>

### CYBER COMMISSION

Rep. Langevin was recently appointed to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a bipartisan commission tasked with developing a strategic cybersecurity framework. >>

### TEXTILE TEAMWORK

Rep. Langevin joined his colleagues in the Congressional delegation to announce the launch of the Rhode Island Textiles Innovation Network. >>

## SUPPORTING STUDENT HEALTH

Rep. Langevin helped deliver federal funds to the Rhode Island Department of Education to expand much-needed behavioral and mental health services.

## BATTLING THE OPIOID CRISIS

Minds' Zero Suicide in Washington County program to help reinforce successful intervention strategies that save lives. Remember, help is only a phone call away – you can reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Rep. Langevin joined Governor Raimondo and his colleagues in the Congressional delegation to announce \$12.6 million in federal funding for Rhode Island's battle against the opioid epidemic. >>

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT:

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